

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01979-TSC

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
 JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/24/2018
 Date Terminated: 09/19/2019
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| 08/24/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5655885) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/24/2018) |
| 08/24/2018 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/24/2018) |
| 08/24/2018 | <u>3</u> | NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Case related to Case No. 16-cv-2046. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/24/2018) |
| 08/27/2018 | | Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsb) (Entered: 08/27/2018) |
| 08/27/2018 | <u>4</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zsb) (Entered: 08/27/2018) |
| 09/05/2018 | <u>5</u> | ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/4/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/4/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/4/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 9/4/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) Modified on 9/5/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 09/05/2018) |
| 09/05/2018 | | NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re <u>5</u> Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney,,, Summons Returned Executed as to U.S. Attorney General,,, Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant,, was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading in the correct case. (ztd) (Entered: 09/05/2018) |
| 09/05/2018 | <u>6</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/4/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/4/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/4/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 09/05/2018) |
| 09/05/2018 | <u>7</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 9/4/2018. (See docket entry <u>6</u> to view document.) (ztd) (Entered: 09/06/2018) |
| 10/04/2018 | <u>8</u> | MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A- Acknowledgment Letter, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B- Vault Letter, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C- January 2017 Joint Status Report, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D- First Status Conference, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E- Second Status Conference, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 10/04/2018) |
| 10/17/2018 | <u>9</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/17/2018) |
| 10/17/2018 | <u>10</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Opposition</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) Modified relief on 10/18/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 10/17/2018) |
| 10/22/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>10</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Plaintiff's response due 10/25/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/2/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/22/2018) |
| 10/23/2018 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Response due by 10/25/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/23/2018) |
| 10/25/2018 | <u>11</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/25/2018) |

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| 10/31/2018 | <u>12</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 10/31/2018) |
| 11/01/2018 | | MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>12</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Defendant's reply due 11/5/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/1/18. (DJS) (Entered: 11/01/2018) |
| 11/01/2018 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Reply due by 11/5/2018. (mac) (Entered: 11/01/2018) |
| 11/05/2018 | <u>13</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 11/05/2018) |
| 07/24/2019 | <u>14</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by James O. Bickford on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Cesar A. Lopez-Morales (Bickford, James) (Entered: 07/24/2019) |
| 09/19/2019 | <u>15</u> | MEMORANDUM OPINION regarding Defendant's motion <u>8</u> to dismiss. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/19/2019. (lctsc1) (Entered: 09/19/2019) |
| 09/19/2019 | <u>16</u> | ORDER granting Defendant's motion <u>8</u> to dismiss and directing the clerk of the court to close this case. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/19/2019. (lctsc1) (Entered: 09/19/2019) |